
Loops in exceptional field theory

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Tools

- Hidden symmetries $E_d(\mathbb{R})$ and U-duality $E_d(\mathbb{Z})$
- Exceptional field theory structures
- Relation between field theory loops and BPS-protected corrections
- Automorphic forms



Local higher derivative corrections

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The moduli fields Φ belong to **quantum moduli space**

$$E_d(\mathbb{Z}) \setminus E_d(\mathbb{R}) / K(E_d)$$

$K(E_d)$: max. compact subgroup of CJ symmetry $E_d(\mathbb{R})$

[Cremmer, Julia]

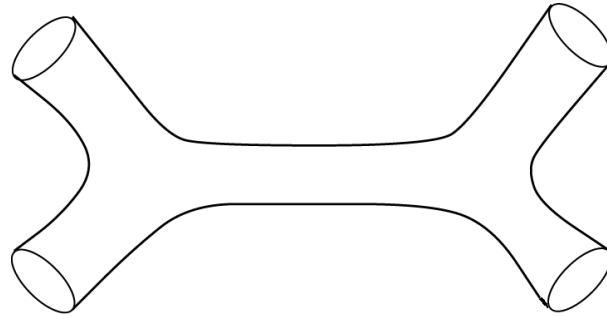
$E_d(\mathbb{Z})$: U-duality [Hull, Townsend]



Local higher derivative terms (II)

Functions $\mathcal{E}_{(p,q)}^D(\Phi)$

- contain perturbative and non-perturbative information on graviton scattering [Green, Gutperle]. String picture:



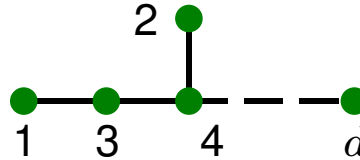
$\alpha' = \ell_s^2$ expansion

$$\mathcal{A}^{\text{tree}}(s, t, u) = g_s^{-2} \frac{4}{stu} \frac{\Gamma(1 - \alpha' s) \Gamma(1 - \alpha' t) \Gamma(1 - \alpha' u)}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha' s) \Gamma(1 + \alpha' t) \Gamma(1 + \alpha' u)} \mathcal{R}^4$$

- multiply full supersymmetric invariants

Higher derivative corrections

- satisfy $\mathcal{E}_{(p,q)}^D(\gamma\Phi k) = \mathcal{E}_{(p,q)}^D(\Phi)$ for $\gamma \in E_d(\mathbb{Z})$, $k \in K(E_d)$



- A lot known for lowest $\mathcal{E}_{(p,q)}^D$ from supersymmetry and internal consistency [Green, Gutperle, Kiritsis, Miller, Obers, Pioline, Russo, Sethi, Vanhove, ...]

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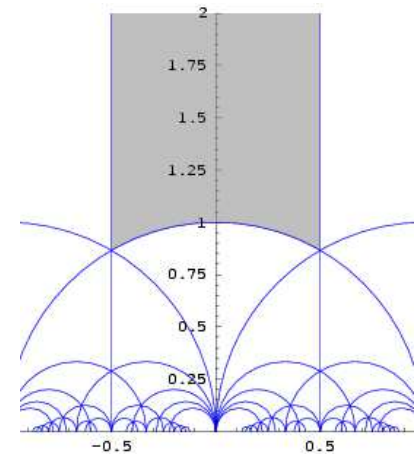
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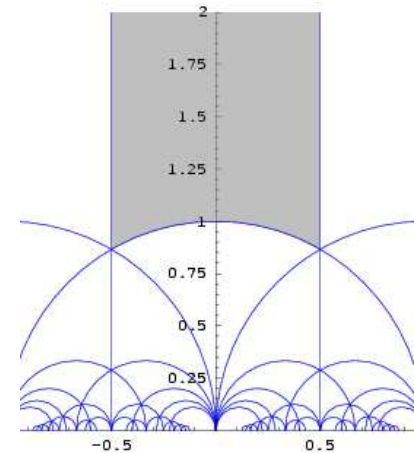
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$\nabla^6 R^4$ correction. Not Eisenstein, explicit form by [Green, Miller, Vanhove]

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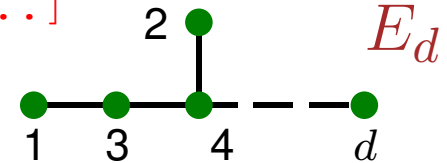
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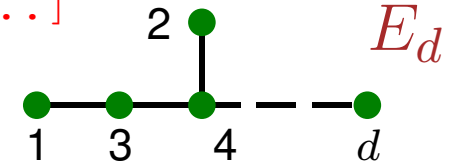
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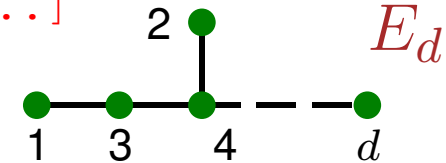
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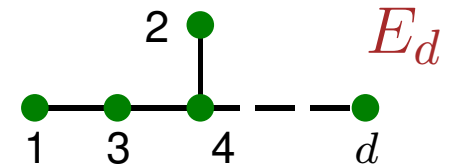
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Also in E_{11} [West]



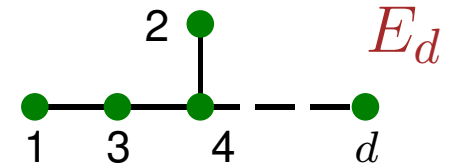
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for any two fields $A(x^\mu, y^M)$, $B(x^\mu, y^M)$. LHS belongs to

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Here: ‘Toroidal’ extended space for y^M . Conjugate momenta are quantised charges

$$\Gamma_M = (n_m, n^{m_1 m_2}, n^{n_1 \dots n_5}, \dots) \in \mathbb{Z}^{d(\alpha_d)}$$

Section constraint becomes $\frac{1}{2}$ -BPS constraint on charges

$$\Gamma \times \tilde{\Gamma} \Big|_{\mathbf{R}_{\alpha_1}} = 0$$

Amplitudes in EFT (I)

Exceptional field theory is mainly a classical theory. QFT treatment complicated due to section constraint.

Consider 3-point vertex in EFT $\phi \partial\phi \partial\phi$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{11-d}} dx \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d(\alpha_d)}} dy \phi(x, y) (\nabla\phi(x, y) \cdot \nabla\phi(x, y))$$

y -Fourier expand $\phi(x, y) = \sum_{\Gamma \in \mathbb{Z}^{d(\alpha_d)}} \phi_{\Gamma}(x) e^{i\ell^{-1}\Gamma \cdot y}$. Vertex

$$\sum_{\substack{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^{d(\alpha_d)} \\ \Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2 = 0}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{11-d}} dx \phi_{-\Gamma_1 - \Gamma_2}(x) \left[\partial_{\mu} \phi_{\Gamma_1} \partial^{\mu} \phi_{\Gamma_2} - \ell^{-2} \langle Z(\Gamma_1) | Z(\Gamma_2) \rangle \phi_{\Gamma_1} \phi_{\Gamma_2} \right]$$

Section constraint on y^M turned into constraint on charges

Amplitudes in EFT (II)

$\langle Z(\Gamma)|Z(\Gamma)\rangle$ like BPS-mass. In M-theory frame

$$ds_{11}^2 = e^{\frac{9-d}{3}\phi} M_{mn} dy^m dy^n + e^{-\frac{d}{3}\phi} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

ϕ now dilaton; M_{mn} uni-modular metric on T^d .

$$|Z(\Gamma)|^2 = e^{-3\phi} M^{mn} n_m n_n + \frac{1}{2} e^{(6-d)\phi} M_{m_1 n_1} M_{m_2 n_2} n^{m_1 m_2} n^{n_1 n_2} + \dots$$

From form of vertex see that momenta in propagators are effectively shifted by Kaluza–Klein mass

$$p^2 \longrightarrow p^2 + \ell^{-2} |Z(\Gamma)|^2$$

and section constraint $\Gamma_i \times \Gamma_j = 0$ at every vertex.

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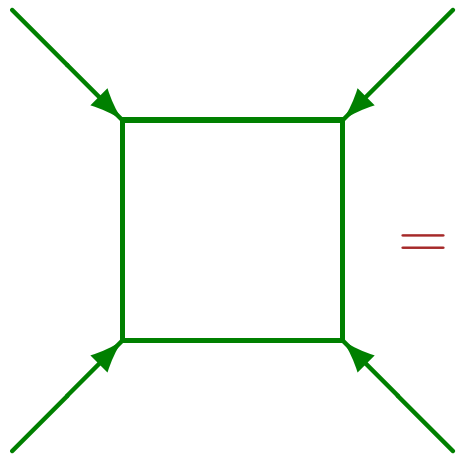
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Next: Calculate $L = 1$ and $L = 2$ assuming reduction to scalar diagrams as in [Bern et al.; Green, Vanhove]

One-loop in EFT (I)

Four-graviton amplitude reduces to scalar box



$$= \underbrace{\left[\frac{i\kappa^2}{2} t_8 t_8 \prod_{A=1}^4 k_A R(k_A, e_A) \right]}_{\mathcal{R}^4} A^{1\text{-loop}}(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4)$$

Pull out kinematic part

$$A^{1\text{-loop}}(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4) = \kappa^2 \int \frac{d^{11-d}p}{(2\pi)^{11-d}} \sum_{\substack{\Gamma \in \mathbb{Z}^d(\alpha_d) \\ \Gamma \times \Gamma = 0}} \frac{1}{(p^2 + \ell^{-2}|Z|^2)}$$

$$\times \frac{1}{((p - k_1)^2 + \ell^{-2}|Z|^2)((p - k_1 - k_2)^2 + \ell^{-2}|Z|^2)((p + k_4)^2 + \ell^{-2}|Z|^2)}$$

+ perms.



One-loop in EFT (II)

$\Gamma = 0$ term corresponds to SUGRA in $D = 11 - d$; usual log threshold contribution \Rightarrow remove for analytic eff. action

Treat loop integral over $d^{11-d}p$ with usual Schwinger and Feynman techniques:

$$A^{1\text{-loop}}(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4) = 4\pi\ell^{9-d} \sum_{\substack{\Gamma \in \mathbb{Z}^{d(\alpha_d)} \\ \Gamma \times \Gamma = 0}} \int_0^\infty \frac{dv}{v^{\frac{d-1}{2}}} \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^{x_1} dx_2 \int_0^{x_2} dx_3 \\ \times \exp \left[\frac{\pi}{v} \left((1-x_1)(x_2-x_3)s + x_3(x_1-x_2)t - \ell^{-2}|Z|^2 \right) \right] + \text{perms.}$$

Low energy from expanding in Mandelstam variables

$$s = -\ell^2(k_1 + k_2)^2, \quad t = -\ell^2(k_1 + k_4)^2, \quad u = -\ell^2(k_1 + k_3)^2.$$

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Notation

- $\xi(s) = \pi^{-s/2} \Gamma(s/2) \zeta(s)$ [completed Riemann zeta]

- $E_{\alpha_d, s} = \frac{1}{2\zeta(2s)} \sum_{\substack{\Gamma \neq 0 \\ \Gamma \times \Gamma = 0}} |Z(\Gamma)|^{-2s}$ [Eisenstein series]

Restricted lattice sum rewritable as single U-duality orbit

Interpretation

Expressions converge for $\nabla^{2k} R^4$ term on T^d when $k > \frac{3-d}{2}$

- For $k = 0$ (R^4) and $d > 3$ ($D < 8$) one after using Langlands' functional relation the correct correction function $\mathcal{E}_{(0,0)}^D$ (including numerical coefficient).
For $d = 3$ one has to regularise; related to known one-loop R^4 divergence in SUGRA.
- For $k = 2$ ($\nabla^4 R^4$) expressions converge. For $d \leq 5$ one obtains only one supersymmetric invariant of [Bossard, Verschinin]; for $7 \leq d < 5$ full (unique) invariant with correct coefficient. For $d = 8$ ancestor of 3-loop divergence [BK].

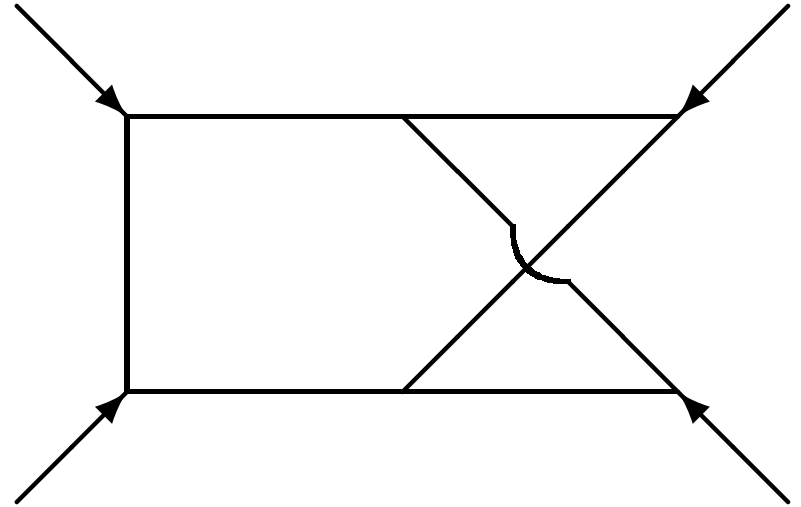
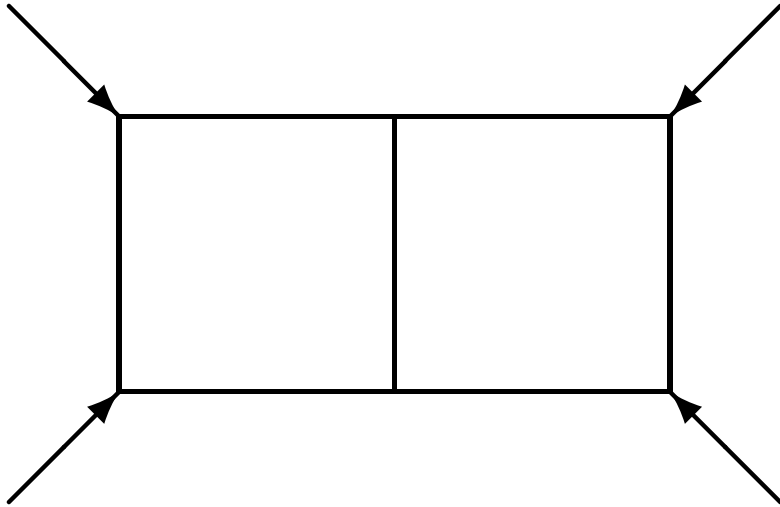
Expressions also ok for $d > 8$; Kac–Moody case [Fleig, AK]

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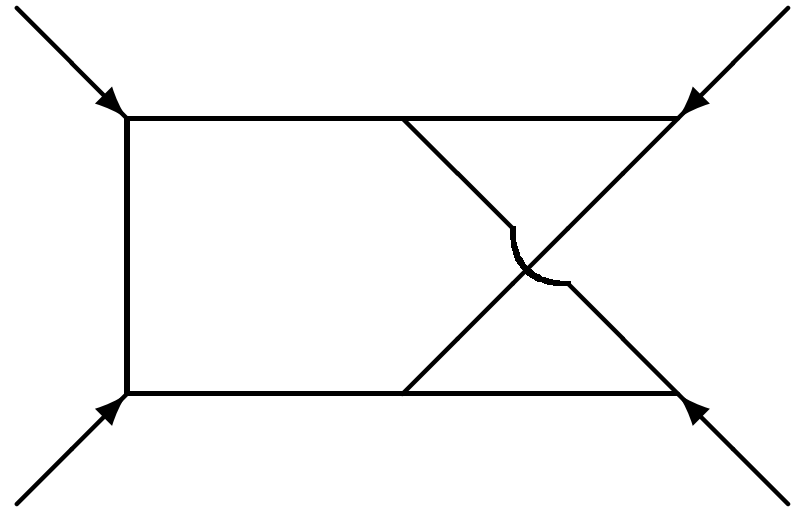
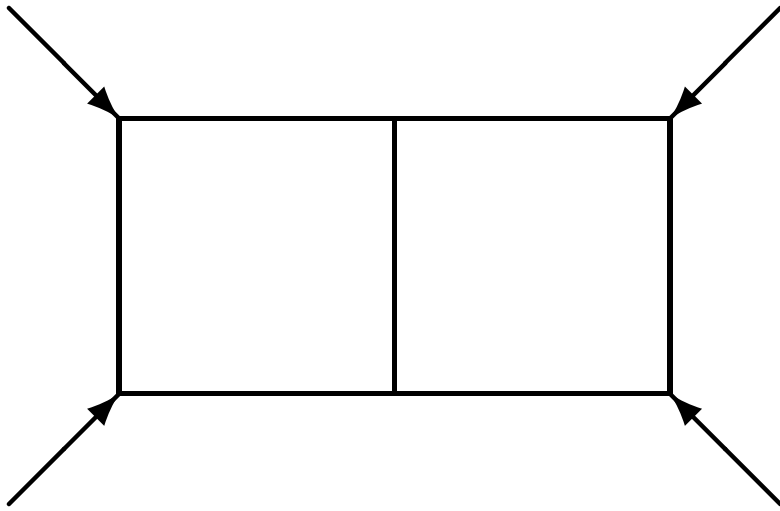


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where $\Omega^{ij} = \Omega = \begin{pmatrix} L_1 + L_3 & L_3 \\ L_3 & L_2 + L_3 \end{pmatrix}$

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where $\Omega^{ij} = \Omega = \begin{pmatrix} L_1 + L_3 & L_3 \\ L_3 & L_2 + L_3 \end{pmatrix}$

Sum is restricted to pairs of charges Γ_1, Γ_2 satisfying

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Solutions can be parametrised by suitable parabolic decompositions [BK]. Look at E_7 example.

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- Γ_2 has to also satisfy $\Gamma_2 \times \Gamma_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \overline{\mathbf{27}}^{(1)}$ component has to satisfy section constraint of E_6 stabiliser. Bring into same canonical form as in step one; breaks to $SO(5, 5)$

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Pair of elements in $\mathbf{2}^{(4)} \Leftrightarrow 2 \times 2$ matrix M

$$\sum_{\substack{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \\ \Gamma_i \times \Gamma_j = 0}} f(\Gamma_i) = \sum_{\gamma \in E_d / P_{d-1}} \sum_M f(\gamma M)$$

Three different orbits on RHS from $\text{rank}(M) = 0, 1, 2$. Most interesting is non-degenerate one.

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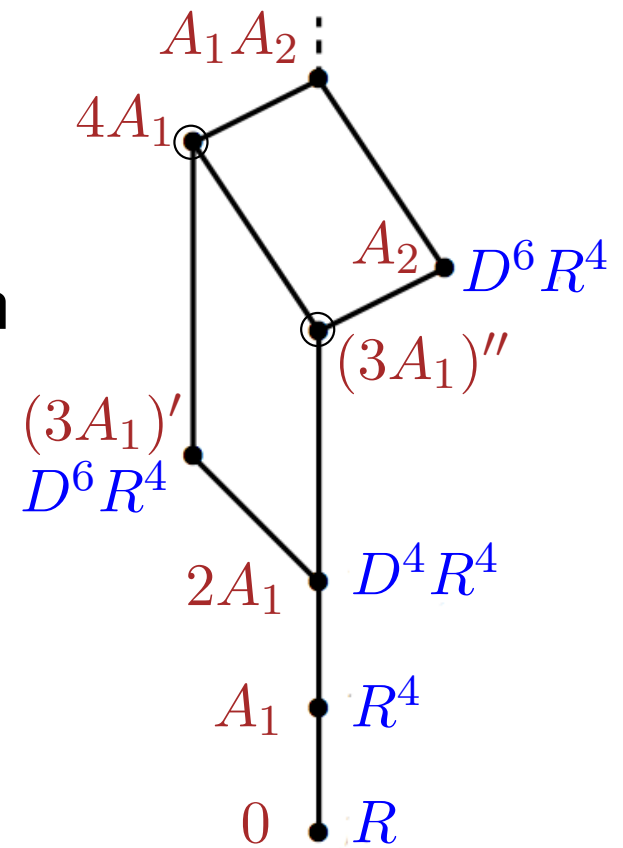
Putting everything together

$$A^{2\text{-loop}, \nabla^4 R^4}(s, t, u) = 8\pi\ell^{10} \xi(d-4)\xi(d-5) E_{\alpha_{d-1}, \frac{d-4}{2}}$$

- This gives the correct function and coefficient for $3 \leq d \leq 8$ with the right coefficient. Case $d = 5$ ($D = 6$) trickier due to IR divergences.
- Certain doubling of contributions from one loop and two loops. Corrected if one-loop result renormalised.
- Other orbits of M subdominant at low energies except $d = 5$.

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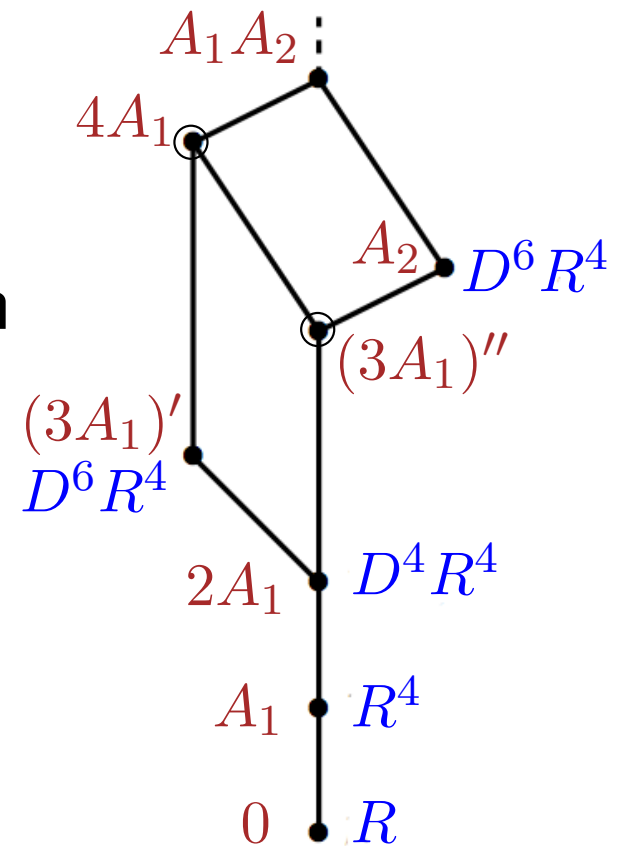
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Thank you for your attention!